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## Selectmen's Minutes 10-29-2007

### TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, October 29, 2007  
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Ms. LaCourt, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Hurd, and Ms. Rowe.  
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Krepelka.

#### FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: October 15, 2007

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

2. Petition: Verizon No. D07 35, Old Mystic St.

Daniel Fitzgibbon, Specialist, Manager Rights-of-Way

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

3. A. Vote to Sign Capital Plan General Obligation Bonds \$3.1M

Stephen J. Gilligan, Treasurer

Voted: that the sale of the \$3,102,000. Municipal Purpose Loan of 2007 Bonds of the Town dated November 1, 2007, to First Southwest Company at the price of \$3,149,516.04 and accrued interest is hereby confirmed. The bonds shall be payable on November 1 of the years and in the principal amounts and best interest at the respective rates as outlined.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

B. Vote for Arlington Refunding Bonds

Stephen J. Gilligan, Treasurer

Voted: that, in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the sale and issuance of bonds under G.L. c44, Section 21A to refund all or any portion of the remaining principal of and redemption premium and interest on the Town's General Obligation Bonds dated August 15, 1998 and December 15, 1999; and that for this purpose the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the preparation and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement; provided, however, that no bonds shall be issued under this vote unless and until the final interest rates and other terms of the refunding bonds are approved by this Board.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

#### APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

4. Appointment: Conservation Commission

Charles Tirone

(commission expires 9-29-2010)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

**LICENSES & PERMITS**5. **Request: One Day All Alcohol License**

Patsy Kraemer, 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Harvest Ball

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

6. **Request: Food Vendor License**

Bellington Corp., Karen Freeman (President) d/b/a Edible Arrangements, 342 Mass. Ave.

Ms. Rowe moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. **Request: Permit for Veterans' Day Parade, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

William F. McCarthy, Director of Veterans' Services

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. **Discussion: Bike Path**

Ms. Rowe moved to support a trial plowing of the trail this winter per Option #3 recommended by The Winter Access Initiative at a cost of \$2500 to cover 6 storms and also requested an Article be inserted in the Annual Town Warrant to provide funding for clearing the trail permanently.

Mr. Greeley offered an Amendment to delete the words "six (6) storms" and spend up to \$2500.

Option 3:

Plow the full Minuteman Trail from Alewife to Lexington for first six (6) storms of season.

1. No use of chemicals; minimal use of sand only where needed and when necessary.

Do not perform dual duty snow removal on Trail.

3. Clear the six paved access ramps marked on the map in Figure 1.

4. Plow trail for first 6 storms of season; then discontinue plowing for subsequent storms.

5. At the end of winter: on first workday after March 21 and following preceding night of >32F temperatures, run a plow down entire section of Trail. Do not plow paved access ramps. (estimated cost: 2.5 hrs. x \$75/hr + \$188.

6. Estimated cost: \$2,500.

After much discussion it was the consensus of the Board to consult with the Conservation Commission regarding salt and sanding.

Ms. Rowe stated that we cannot salt in areas within 100' of wetlands.

Ms. Rowe moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

9. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

George Arena, 38 Walnut Street, invited the Board of Selectmen and the residents of

Arlington to attend an Afternoon of Jazz on Sunday, November 18, 2007, Sons of Italy Hall, 19 Prentiss Road, Arlington, MA sponsored by the Kidney Transplant/Dialysis Association. Said event is a fund raising event. Donation is \$15.00 per person.

Judith Lorei, member of the Winter Access Initiative Committee thanked the Board for endorsing their recommendation to plow the Minuteman Trail to make it accessible for winter users.

Lyman Judd, 4 Winslow Towers, thanked the Board for allowing the Lions Club Van to park in front of Town Hall on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Also thanked Board for voting to plow the Minuteman Trail and suggested that we should think about lighting the path up to Lake Street.

Ray Jones soon to be a homeowner in Arlington thanked the Board for voting to plow the bike path. He stated that in looking for a home he wanted to be close to the bike path and he feels the Minuteman Trail increases the value of homes in Arlington.

### **TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS**

10. Request: Temporary Waive Parking Restrictions/Tufts & Foster Streets

Deanne Benson, Head of School, Lesley Ellis School

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

11. Update: IT Department

Steve Mazzola, Director

Moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

12. Discussion: Shop Arlington First Lights

Michèle M. Meagher, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce

The Board unanimously approved the following requests:

1. Proclamation of December 1 as Shop Arlington First Day.
2. Turning on the Mass. Avenue lights for the first time in the holiday season at 5:30 p.m. on December 1 at a lighting ceremony in front of Town Hall that will include a half-hour of holiday caroling.
3. Illuminating the Town Hall steps during the lighting ceremony.
4. Permission to provide free parking on the four Saturdays in December to encourage people to park and shop locally.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

13. A. Future Board of Selectmen Meetings

January 7, 2008

January 21, 2008

February 11, 2008

February 25, 2008

March 10, 2008

March 24, 2008

April 7, 2008

B. Budget & Revenue Task Force Meeting

November 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

January 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

14. Vote: Plan for the Battle Road Scenic Byway

Kevin J. O'Brien, Director, Planning and Community Development

The Board unanimously voted to send letter to Honorable Edward J. Markey United States House of Representatives, regarding grant application that was submitted by the Board of Selectmen to create a Corridor Management Plan for the State designated Scenic Byway.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Greeley moved to adjourn at 10:20 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A true record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka  
Board Administrator

**Next meeting of BOS Monday, November 5, 2007.**